

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 788

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former LaFollette Fire Chief Wayne Gregg.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of former LaFollette Fire Chief Wayne Gregg; and

WHEREAS, Chief Gregg was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Gregg began his career with the City of LaFollette as a firefighter in 1974; he was promoted to Captain in 1980 and became Assistant Chief in 1985; and

WHEREAS, just a few months later, Wayne Gregg was named Fire Chief, in which position he served with acumen and alacrity, earning the respect of his colleagues and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Chief Gregg began his role as Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal, a position he held until his retirement in 2010; and

WHEREAS, appointed as Assistant Chief to the Commissioner by the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance in 1987, Chief Gregg served as chairman for the East Tennessee Regional Council of Fire Chiefs from 1989 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career in firefighting, he was duly honored with many awards and accolades, including the leadership award from the Tennessee Fire Chief's Association, the Service and Support award from LaFollette Firefighters, an Instructor award from the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson, the Accomplishment of Standards and Education in Firefighting from the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting, and the Achievement in Investigation award from the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson; and

WHEREAS, Chief Gregg lent his considerable skills and expertise to a number of professional organizations, including the Tennessee Fire Chief's Association, East Tennessee

Regional Council of Fire Chiefs, International Fire Service Instructors, Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson, International Association of Arson Investigators, Tennessee Firefighters Association, Tennessee Inspectors Association, Tennessee Public Fire Safety Association, Southern Building Code Congress International, Campbell County Firefighters Association, Campbell County Fire Chief Association, City of LaFollette E-911 Board, National Fire Protection Association, and Campbell County Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, Chief Gregg was a highly respected individual who received multiple letters of commendation throughout his career for his sterling service and is well remembered by those who knew and worked with him; and

WHEREAS, Chief Gregg was an active and devout member of Trinity Baptist Church, where he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Gregg was a proud member of the Jacksboro Masonic Lodge #322, Knoxville Scottish Rite Temple, and the LaFollette Royal Arch, and

WHEREAS, Chief Gregg leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of former LaFollette Fire Chief Wayne Gregg, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Chief Gregg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.